

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. An apparatus comprising:  
a quality measurement circuit; and  
a power control processor configured to tune a receiver to a first frequency during an initial portion of a first frame, to tune the receiver on a second frequency during a search excursion period, wherein the search excursion period begins during the first frame and continues through an initial portion of a second frame, wherein the second frame follows immediately after the first frame, to direct the quality measurement circuit to measure ~~measuring~~ at least one signal attribute on the second frequency during the search excursion period, and to tune the receiver on the first frequency during a remaining portion of the second frame;  
wherein said power control processor is further configured to increase a target of  $E_b/N_0$  of receiving signals over at least a portion of at least one of the first and second frames.